year 1983-84. 1984-85 and till 31st October, 1985; and

(d) at what price the cotton is imported from Pakistan and for what purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) A letter has been received from the Government of Punjab regarding fall in the cotton prices and suggesting, *inter-alia*, stoppage of import of cotton from Pakistan.

(c) and (d) During 1983-84 cotton season, there was no import of cotton. However, during the 1984-85 season a quantity of 75,000 bales of medium staple cotton, was contracted for import from Pakistan at a price of 41.90 US cents per pound FOB Karachi, to meet the shortage in the availibility of this variety of cotton for domestic consumption. No further import of cotton is envisaged at present.

Irregularities committed by a Hong-Kong based Indian firm under OGL scheme

2910. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports which appeared in the 'Blitz' of the 23rd November, 1985 to the effect that unabashed looting under Government's blessed OGL scheme continues despite official efforts to stem the rot;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one Prakash Anand (a fictitious name) and one Bhagwandas Master of M/s. Super Trading Co., Bombay, based in Hong-Kong have swindled India to the tune of Rs. 5 crores between July-December, 1984;

(c) if so. whether any inquiry has since been conducted into the matter; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken against the firm on the basis of the inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Enforcement Directorate have carried out Searches of the premises of M/s. Super Trading Corporation, Bombay and other connected parties on information received by them. Some incriminating documents, including invoices, signed by one Shri N. B. Master and drawn on Super Trading Corporation, Bombay were taken over during the investigation. Investigations have revealed that M/s Super Trading Corporation, Bombay have transferred to M/s. Overseas Trading Co.. Hongkong foreign exchange amounting to about Rs. 81.23 lakhs during November-December, 1984 as cost of import of chick peas under OGL, but actually no such goods had been imported.

(c) and (d) Enquiries have been conducted by the Enforcement Directorate. An amount of Rs. 1,40,429.65 lying in the account of M|s. Super Trading Corporation in a bank at Bombay has been blocked and adjudication proceedings have been commenced against M/s. Super Trading Corporation and its proprietor Shri Prakash Anand Khanna.

Smuggling of Indian wheat into Pakistan

2911. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian wheat is being smuggled into Pakistan through Rajasthan border;

(b) if so, what is the number of such cases which have come to the notice of the Government during the last one year;

(c) what is the quantity of wheat seized; and

(d), what action Government have taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Reports received by the Government do not indicate that Indian wheat is being smuggled into Pakistan through Rajasthan border.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) The anti-smuggling drive has been intensified. The preventive and intelligence machinery in the Indo-Pak region has been reinforced in terms of manpower and equipment. The Customs field formations remain vigilant in the Indo-Pak sector against smuggling activities in general. The trends in smuggling and seizures made are kept under constant review for taking appropriate anti-smuggling measures in close co-ordination with the concerned Central and State Government authorities.

वित्त विभाग के अधिकारियों के घरों की तलाशी

2912. **श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वित्त विभाग में ऐसे अधिकारियों की शाखावार संख्या कितनी है जिनके घरों की तलाशी जनवरी से अक्तूबर 1985 तक की अवधि के दौरान ली गई तथा इस तलाशी में कितने मूल्य का माल पकड़ा गया ;

(ख) इनमें से कितने व्यक्तियों के विरूद्ध कार्यवाही की गई ; और

(ग) कितने व्यक्तियों के विरूद्ध कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गई और उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) जनवरी से अक्तूबर, 1985 की अवधि के दौरान वित्त मंत्रालय के राजस्व विभाग (मुख्यालय) के किसी भी अधिकारी के घर की तलाशी नहीं ली गई है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

व्यापारियों के परिसरों पर छापे

2913. **श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जनवरी, 1985 से अक्तूबर, 1985 के बीच कितने व्यापारियों के परिसरों पर छापे मारे गये ;

(ख) छापों में कौन-कौन सा सामान पकड़ा गया और उसका मूल्य कितना है तथा कितने व्यक्तियों के विरूद्ध कार्यवाही की गई है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में कुछ छापे बीच में ही रोक दिये गये ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कितने छापे रोके गये और उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ?

Evasion of income tax by M/s Ram Mohan Maroo and Company of Bombay

2914. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Ram Mohan Maroo and Company of Bombay have evaded/concealed income-tax to the tune of more than Rupees 50 lakhs during the last five years;

(b) whether income tax authorities of Bombay made any special survey/raids under Section 133-A of the Income-tax Act on the premises/offices of the said company during the above period; and